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Re: Application of:                      **Stefan BAMBERGER et al.**

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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March 1, 2004

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicant hereby makes of record the documents listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 Form (1 page) for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. While the references are being submitted herewith, some or all of the references may not constitute prior art under the U.S. patent laws.

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It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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AS	Edmund Optics Web Site "Online Catalog". "Zero Aperture Series Iris Diaphragms"; Feb. 27, 2004; <a href="http://www.edmundoptics.com/IOD/DisplayProduct.cfm?productid=1373">http://www.edmundoptics.com/IOD/DisplayProduct.cfm?productid=1373</a>
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